

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Araby Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Corner Araby Church and Baker Valley Roads 6th E.D. 7

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Araby

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick
M86 P142**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Araby Methodist Episcopal Church

STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN

Araby

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Araby Church is a rectangular 1 1/2 story gable roofed, stretcher bond structure which faces north from the south side of Araby Church road.

It is a functioning church which is unrelated to other structures in the area.

As evidenced by the enclosed photographs the building has undergone a series of exterior changes. In 1887 when the chapel was first constructed the building was of frame construction with gothic colored symmetrical windows. By 1930 an enclosed frame entrance porch had been added to the front section of the chapel. In 1934 the red and white geometrical windows were replaced by stained glass windows with religious scenes at an approximate cost of \$100 a piece. In 1932, a reception hall and kitchen was built on the southeast corner of the building. The entire structure was covered with abestos shingles in 1948 and finally in 1970, the building was covered with brick. The roofing material has also been changed several times. Originally, the roof was wood shingles, it was then covered with tin and finally asphalt.

The main facade is three bays wide. An enclosed front entrance porch with two side, six pane windows with a five panel door installed before 1930, occupies the second bay. Two narrow gothic stained glass windows in three segments with architrave trim and radiating voussoirs are located in the 1st and 3rd bay.

An inset granite cross is located immediately over the doorway. An arched triangular window with two small inset triangular windows and a center decorative cloverleaf motif is located in the gable. A boxed cornice completes the asphalt roof. The building is constructed on a low random stone foundation. A corner stone stating "Araby Union Chapel 1887" is located in the northwest corner.

The east and west sides of the main chapel are identical; each three bays wide with three sectioned stained glass windows with architrave trim. The south side of the building is windowless. The east corner is connected to a one and two story brick addition, five bays long by four bays wide which accommodates a reception hall, classroom and kitchen facilities.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Local sources attest to the presence of a church which predated the Araby Church and is no longer in existence. It was located not far from the present church on the east side of Baker Valley Road and just South of I-270.

The land on which the Araby Union Chapel was constructed was given to the Episcopal, Lutheran, Reformed, Dunkard and Methodist congregations by Col. C.K. Thomas the owner of Araby in 1887.¹ Soon afterwards a small frame chapel was constructed and the building continued in use as a Union Chapel until 1896 when it was annexed to the Buckeystown Circuit of the Methodist Church.

In 1932 additional land was acquired through the generosity of Harry and Gladys Morningstar and a reception hall was constructed to the southeast rear of the building.²

Today Araby Methodist Church continues to be a viable part of the Araby Community with services held each Sunday.

1. Frederick County Land Records Liber WIP4, Folio 450.
2. Frederick County Land Records Liber 385, Folio 381.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Directory, Urbana Circuit, 1940-41 P. 9

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .71 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell3/14/77

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Planning Commission663-8300 Ext. 266

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

Winchester Hall East Church Street

STATE

CITY OR TOWN

FrederickMaryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Araby Church

North & East Facades

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Araby Church
North west View

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Araby Church

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Intersection of Baker Valley Rd and Araby Rd

Araby

Southeast side

Araby



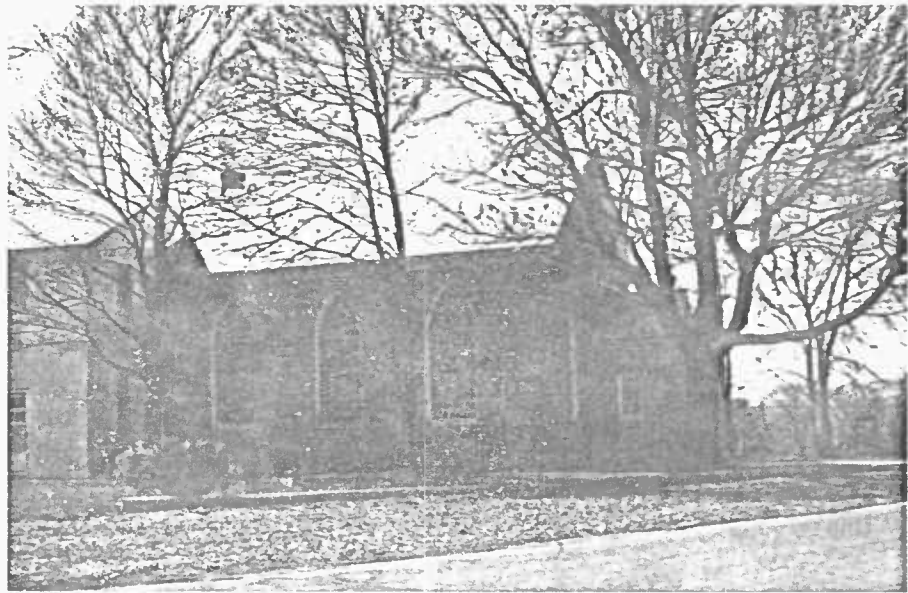
Araby Church C. 1963

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Araby Church C 1965

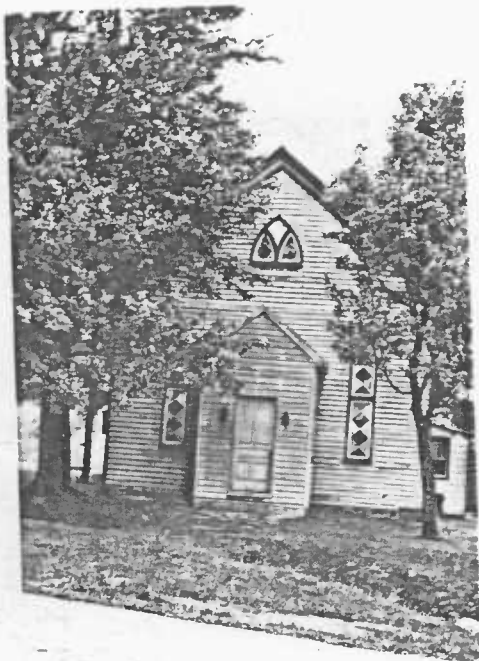
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Araby Church c. 1965

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Araby Union Chapel
c. 1930



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